

Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region

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Dear Interested Citizen:

The Supervisor's Office of the Inyo National Forest is continuing the environmental analysis process for the proposed Forest-Wide Invasive Plants Treatment Project. This project would treat invasive plant infestations forest-wide, using an integrated pest management approach and combining manual, mechanical, chemical, and biological control methods. An estimate of several hundred acres of invasive plants would be treated each year, following an annual implementation process to review site-specific treatments.

The Proposed Action and draft Environmental Assessment are available in hard copy format or can be viewed on the Inyo National Forest website at https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=38912. To obtain a copy of the proposed action and draft EA please contact Blake Engelhardt, Forest Botanist, 351 Pacu Lane Suite 200 Bishop, CA 93514; at phone 760-873-2495 or email bmengelhardt@fs.fed.us.

This project is subject to comment pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submit timely project-specific written comments during a designated opportunity for public comment are eligible to file an objection. Furthermore, issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities for comment.

The Forest Service will accept comments on this proposal for 30 days following publication of the opportunity to comment legal notice in the newspaper of record, anticipated on May 7, 2019. The date of publication in the Inyo Register is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Commenters should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the commenter's responsibility to ensure timely receipt of comments (36 CFR 218.25).

Comments may be submitted electronically on the project website listed above. To submit your comments, click on the "Comment/Object on Project" link on the right side of the page and follow the instructions. You may also mail hard copy comments to Blake Engelhardt, Forest Botanist, 351 Pacu Lane Suite 200 Bishop, CA 93514; or deliver them to the address shown above during business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am – 4:30pm); or submit by FAX (760) 873-2458. Names of commenters will be part of the public record subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

Please contact Blake Engelhardt, Forest Botanist, 351 Pacu Lane Suite 200 Bishop, CA 93514; at phone 760-873-2495 or email bmengelhardt@fs.fed.us for more specific information about how to provide comments on the project.

Sincerely,

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